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January 28, 1975

Dear Fellow Member of the SEAALL Scholarship Committee:

"The time has come..." to get the ball rolling concerning our scholarships for 1975. As I have had the privilege to serve on this Committee for the past two years and have reworked the questionnaire last year to elicit as much information from the applicant as seemed necessary to allow us to arrive at a fair and equitable decision, I have no changes to propose at this time. I am sending you the updated version and am asking you to look it over and let me know your reaction.

I am still uneasy about one thing: many of our applicants request and receive support from our national organization as well. For instance last year 2 of our applicants received AALL scholarships of whom one also received our award. Perhaps there is nothing wrong with a person receiving money from two sources and Heaven knows \$100 will not carry a person very far, especially when one has to travel as far as Los Angeles (or St. Paul as the case was last year). Yet the question remains: should our two organizations (AALL and SEAALL) give, if only a token support, to as many persons as possible, or should we support fewer persons but make the support adequate? We had inserted into our form the question: "Are you planning to apply for a grant in connection with the...annual meeting?" This, however, does not give us any inkling about the chances the applicant has with AALL. One solution could be to send the names of our 'winners' to AALL's Scholarship Committee-- I understand that they make their selection considerably later than we do. But this may cut down the applicant's chances with AALL. Please express your feelings on this point.

This question also ties in with specifying the amount and the number of recipients in our announcement. In the past we have indicated only the total amount available for scholarships and were free to divide it as we saw fit. Of course we had only small amounts (\$100 or \$200) to deal with. This is the first year that we have \$500 at our disposal. The minutes of the Hilton Head meeting of last August contain the following announcement made by Bill Younger: "The Executive Board had decided to increase the Scholarship Fund to \$500 per year for attendance of institutes and meetings and would be given at \$100 each." As far as I know our hands were never tied either as to the purpose for which the funds could be requested or to the number of applicants and the division of the money. I checked with Bill on this and he was not sure how this sentence had crept into the minutes but he agreed that we are free to spend the money as we saw fit. For this reason I am not proposing any changes in the wording of our announcement but again, please let me know if you do not agree with me.

I have only one final item to ask you at this time: please be prompt in your reply. If you could let me have your answers not later than February 10, I could have the stencils cut and the mailing done by March 1. This would give the applicants a month to reply. I should like to have our decision known by May 10, so that our recipients can make their plans in proper time.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Best regards

Sincerely,

Susan

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LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, at a meeting held in Chapel Hill, October 30, 1964, established a scholarship in honor of Miss Lucile Elliott, to be given at such times and in such amounts as funds are available. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) are allocated for the year 1975.

Persons eligible are those living in the Southeastern area who are striving to improve their professional knowledge and advance their careers in law librarianship. The scholarship may be used for any purpose reasonably designed to carry out this objective, such as attending institutes or national meetings, or for expenses while attending school. It is not limited to members of the Chapter.

Miss Lucile Elliott was one of our most honored and beloved members. She retired as law librarian at the University of North Carolina in 1955 after a distinguished career of service. The American Association of Law Libraries conferred upon her their highest honor when they elected her as their national president in 1953. Upon her retirement she was made a life member. It was due in large part to her efforts that the Southeastern Chapter was organized and approval of its charter appropriately came during the meeting over which she presided as president in 1954. Her interest in encouraging young people to advance in the profession made it most appropriate that this scholarship was established and is continued to be given in honor of her memory by the chapter.

Members of the Association are urged to contact persons who might be interested and to encourage them to apply. A form is enclosed which may be used. Additional application forms are available from the Committee Chairman. All applications for 1975 should be received by April 1, 1975.

The Scholarship Committee consists of Leah F. Chanin, Mercer University Law Library, Macon, Georgia; Claire W. Donovan, Florida State Law Library, Tallahassee, Florida; David W. Dunn, Cumberland School of Law Library, Birmingham, Alabama, and Susan Csaky.

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APPLICATION FOR LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Name:

Date:

Address:

Present employment and length of service:

Previous experience:

Education(list schools attended, dates, degrees, certificates awarded):

Have you attended former SEAALL or AALL meetings or institutes? _____
Years

Have you received an AALL or SEAALL grant before? _____ When? _____

Are you planning to apply for an AALL grant in connection with the 1975 annual meeting? _____

For what purpose do you wish to use the scholarship?

Is it your present intention to remain in the law library field? (Please elaborate.)

Financial need (briefly state your library's policy on reimbursing training and/or travel expenses and the extent to which you will depend financially upon the above scholarship in attaining the goal for which you requested it):

Letters of recommendation from at least two individuals must be sent to the address given below. These may accompany the application.

Letters of recommendation and applications for 1975 must be received by April 1, 1975.

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